

1     WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.     A method of synchronizing data sampled by a first clock  
to a second clock, comprising:  
generating a clock error signal as a function of one or more  
5     data control flags; and  
fractionally resampling the data as a function of the clock  
error signal.

2.     The method of claim 1 wherein the data comprises voice.

10     3.     The method of claim 1 further comprising periodically  
generating a data received flag as a function of said first clock  
and a data complete flag as a function of said second clock,  
wherein the clock error signal is generated as a function of said  
15     data received and data complete flags.

20     4.     The method of claim 3 wherein the clock error signal  
generation comprises counting at least a portion of a period  
between data receive flags and data complete flags, the  
fractional resampling being a function of ratio of counts.

25     5.     The method of claim 3 further comprising receiving the  
data sampled with the first clock, wherein the received data is  
partitioned into a plurality of data packets, and wherein said  
data received flag is generated upon receipt of each of the data  
packets.

30     6.     The method of claim 5 buffering said received data  
packets as a function of said first clock and outputting said  
received data packets from said buffer as a function of said  
second clock, wherein said data complete flag is generated when  
each data packet is output from the buffer.

1           7     The method of claim 4 further comprising filtering the  
data receive count and the data complete count, the data  
resampling being a function of the filtered counts.

5           8.    The method of claim 7 further comprising subtracting  
said filtered data receive count and said filtered data complete  
count, the data resampling being a function of the difference  
between counts.

10          9.    The method of claim 8 wherein the fractional resampling  
comprises upsampling the data if the data received count exceeds  
the data complete count and downsampling the data if the data  
complete count exceeds the data received count.

15          10.   The method of claim 4 further comprising generating a  
third clock, wherein the date receive count and data complete  
clock count comprises incrementing the count using the third  
clock.

20          11.   A synchronization circuit, comprising:  
an error generation unit that generates a clock error signal  
as a function of an average far end sampling rate and a near end  
sampling rate; and  
a sample tracker adapted to receive sampled data packets,  
25        wherein the sample tracker fractionally resamples the sampled  
data as a function of the clock error signal.

30          12.   The synchronization circuit of claim 11 wherein said  
error generation unit comprises one or more counters incremented  
by a local reference clock, a first latch adapted to store count  
of at least a portion of a cycle between packet arrivals, a  
second latch adapted to store at least a portion of a cycle  
between packet completions, wherein said clock error signal is  
a function of ratio of packet arrival count and packet completion  
35        count.

1       13. The synchronization circuit of claim 12 wherein the  
sample tracker upsamples the data if the packet arrival count  
exceeds the packet completion count and downsamples the data if  
the packet completion count exceeds the packet arrival count.

5       14. The synchronization circuit of claim 12 further  
comprising a filter between the first latch and the sample  
tracker for averaging transition between different sampling  
rates.

10      15. The synchronization circuit of claim 14 wherein the  
filter is a single pole, low pass filter.

15      16. The synchronization circuit of claim 12 further  
comprising a digital-to-analog converter to convert the  
fractionally resampled data to an analog voice signal.

20      17. The synchronization circuit of claim 12 further  
comprising a processor to activate the first latch each time a  
packet of sampled data is received.

25      18. A network gateway adapted to exchange voice signals  
between a network line at a first clock frequency and a packet  
based network at a second clock frequency, comprising:  
a network port to interface with a packet based network;

a telephony port to interface with a telephony device;

a processor coupled to each of the ports; and

30      a voice synchronizer, coupled between said network and  
telephony ports, comprising an error generation unit for  
generating a clock error signal in accordance with ratio of said  
first and second clocks and a sample tracker, adapted to receive  
data packets, wherein the sample tracker fractionally resamples  
the received data as a function of the clock error signal.

1       19. The network gateway of claim 18 further comprising a  
transceiver coupled between the processor and the network port.

5       20. The network gateway of claim 19 wherein the transceiver  
comprises a media access controller (MAC) coupled to the  
processor, and a modulator and a demodulator both disposed  
between the MAC and the network port.

10      21. The network gateway of claim 18 further comprising a  
voice circuit coupled between the telephony port and the  
processor.

15      22. The network gateway of claim 21 wherein the voice  
circuit formats voice signals flowing from the telephony port to  
the processor into voice signal packets, and formats voice  
signals flowing from the processor to the telephony port into a  
telephony format.

20      23. The network gateway of claim 22 wherein the telephony  
format comprises pulse code modulation.

25      24. The network gateway of claim 18 wherein said error  
generation unit comprises one or more counters incremented by a  
local reference clock, a first latch adapted to store count of  
at least a portion of a cycle between packet arrivals, a second  
latch adapted to store at least a portion of a cycle between  
packet completions, wherein said clock error signal is a function  
of ratio of packet arrival count and packet completion count.

30      25. The network gateway of claim 24 wherein the sample  
tracker upsamples the data if the packet arrival count exceeds  
the packet completion count and downsamples the data if the  
packet completion count exceeds the packet arrival count .

1        26. The network gateway of claim 24 further comprising a  
filter between the first latch and the sample tracker for  
averaging transition between different sampling rates.

5        27. The network gateway of claim 26 wherein the filter is  
a single pole, low pass filter.

10      28. The network gateway of claim 24 further comprising a  
digital-to-analog converter to convert the fractionally resampled  
data to an analog voice signal.

15      29. The network gateway of claim 24 further comprising a  
processor to activate the first latch each time a packet of  
sampled data is received.

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